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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6358

BILL NUMBER: SB 148

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 24, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Cruelty to Animals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lanane

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a person who commits cruelty to an animal must receive psychological, behavioral, or other counseling.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current law, cruelty to an animal is a Class A misdemeanor and a subsequent offense is a Class D felony. The bill would require the court to order a person convicted of cruelty to an animal to receive psychological, behavioral, or other counseling, in addition to any other sentence. To the extent that an offender can pay or has insurance to pay for counseling, there would be no additional cost to the county. However, expenses of indigent offenders would be paid by the county.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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